

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 35

To prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1999

Mr. GUTIERREZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANS-**  
4 **FER OF JUNK GUNS, ALSO KNOWN AS SATUR-**  
5 **DAY NIGHT SPECIALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United  
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following:

1 “(y)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess  
 2 or transfer a junk gun which has been shipped or trans-  
 3 ported in interstate or foreign commerce.

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the continuous  
 5 and otherwise lawful possession of a junk gun by a person  
 6 during any period that began before the effective date of  
 7 this subsection.”.

8 (b) JUNK GUN DEFINED.—Section 921(a) of such  
 9 title is amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(34)(A) The term ‘junk gun’ means—

11 “(i) a handgun that is not a sporting handgun;  
 12 and

13 “(ii) any combination of parts from which a  
 14 handgun described in clause (i) can be assembled.

15 “(B) The term ‘sporting handgun’ means a handgun  
 16 which the Secretary has determined, using the criteria ap-  
 17 plied in making determinations under section 925(d)(3),  
 18 to be of a type generally recognized as particularly suitable  
 19 for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes.”.

20 (c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a)(1)(B) of such title is  
 21 amended by inserting “or (y)” before “of”.

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